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AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN IMMEDIATE NIACT

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CIVAIR - GOB ROUTE RESTRICTIONS

REF: (A) STATE 121119 (B) BRIDGETOWN 0948

1. REFTEL (A) RECEIVED TODAY. WE ARE NOW SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH PM.

2. WE ASSUME THAT NEITHER EMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN NOR DEPARTMENT SEES ANY POTENTIAL EMBARRASSMENT OR PROBLEM BY USG REP INFORMING PM ORALLY OR GOB IN AIDE MEMOIRE THAT GOTT HAS "EXPRESSED TO USG ITS CONCERN OVER ... POSSIBILITY THAT USG MIGHT GRANT ROUTE RIGHTS TO BARBADOS." (PARA 5C REFTEL) THIS HAS NOT APPEARED PUBLICLY HERE, AND SINCE, AS REFTEL STATES (PARA 6D) "WE DO NOT WANT TO BE IN MIDDLE BETWEEN BARBADOS AND TRINIDAD," U.S.G. OFFICIALS INFORMING GOB OF DELICATE MATTER ADVANCED BY GOTT, PRESUMABLY CONFIDENTIALLY, MIGHT NEEDLESSLY PUT US IN THE MIDDLE IF BARROW CHOSE TO REACT STRONGLY VIS-A-VIS WILLIAMS.

3. WE WOULD ALSO FEEL BETTER EQUIPPED TO RESPOND TO PM'S OR GOB QUERIES IF WE HAD FULLER EXPLANATION OF WHAT IS MEANT AT THE END OF PARAGRAPH 5(C) OF REFTEL, I.E. THAT IF GOB WITHDRAWS U.S.

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ROUTE RIGHTS, U.S. WOULD BE PLACED IN POSITION OF HAVING TO

CONSIDER "WHAT STEPS IT MIGHT HAVE TO TAKE ... TO PREVENT OTHER
AIRLINES FROM CAPTURING TRAFFIC WHICH SHOULD BE THE PRIMARY RIGHT
OF U.S. (AND BARBADOS) AIRLINES TO CARRY." GOB NOT LIKELY TO BE
DISPLEASED AT SUCH PREVENTION BY US AS RESULT ITS ACTION. WHO
ARE WE PLANNING TO PREVENT FROM DOING WHAT?

4. WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE SOONEST.
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